



# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Partnership with SCA

## Requesting Field Assistance from SCA

The Student Conservation Association (SCA), a trusted partner to land management agencies since 1957, is actively partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal, state, and nonprofit agency/organizations in accomplishing natural and cultural resource management projects.

SCA's strategy includes assisting natural resource managers with:

- **GPS and GIS**
- **Wildlife Management**
- **Native/Invasive Species Management**
- **Visitor Services**
- **And many other disciplines**



USACE Upper CT River Basin endangered bat habitat protection project. SCA high school crew removing vegetation from dam face.

### SCA's 3,000 annual members serve in:

#### Conservation Internships

College students and adults seeking practical, career experience; serving from 12 weeks to 12 months in a broad array of disciplines.

#### Conservation Corps

SCA Interns serving as a team under the direction of an SCA Leader, completing large land-based initiatives; serving from 12 weeks to 12 months.

#### Conservation Crews

High school students serving as a team under the direction of two SCA Leaders, completing labor-intensive, conservation service projects during the summer.

## Resource Management Solutions Made Easy!

- ✓ **Recruitment**  
SCA members are nationally recruited and have the necessary skills, experience and education to meet the position requirements.
- ✓ **Motivation**  
SCA Members are reliable, dependable and motivated to learn and succeed.
- ✓ **Leadership**  
Corps/Crew Members are selected, trained and supervised by SCA Leaders.
- ✓ **Administrative Oversight**  
SCA provides complete administrative oversight for all field-based programs and positions.
- ✓ **Cost Effectiveness**  
SCA Members are supported by cost-share agreements with our partners.

## A sample of SCA's USACE Partners:

Bonneville Dam Columbia River Gorge, WA • Buckhorn Lake, KY

Coralville Lake, IA • Nashville District, TN

Raystown Lake, PA • Upper CT River Basin, VT • West Hill Dam, MA

<u>2008 Cost Estimates</u>			
Conservation Interns			
3 month: <b>\$3,625</b>	6 month: <b>\$11,990</b>	9 month: <b>\$17,040</b>	12 month: <b>\$22,090</b>
Conservation Crews			
15 Day: <b>\$13,600</b>	21 Day: <b>\$17,155</b>	30-Day: <b>\$21,830</b>	35-Day: <b>\$23,780</b>
Conservation Corps			
One (26 week) Project Leader, Three (12 week) Corps Members*			
Agency provides housing, vehicles, tools and training <b>\$46,000</b>		SCA provides housing, vehicles, tools and training <b>Contact SCA</b>	

\*This configuration is just one option; Conservation Corps can also serve for longer durations of up to one year in length. SCA will submit invoices based on actual costs incurred which may be less than, or exceed, the above estimates. Most agencies already have a National Cooperative Agreement with SCA that outlines cost-share arrangements.

### The process for obligation of funds to SCA is through a MIPR with Fort Detrick, MD:

- SCA submits cost quote for intern(s)/crews(s). Housing can be included in quote.
- USACE submits MIPR to Fort Detrick
- Fort Detrick issues task order to SCA
- Process done electronically



Upper CT River Basin small mammal study. SCA conservation interns checking live traps.

“When I was (an SCA intern) at the USACE West Hill Dam I had a B.S. in GIS from Penn State but no real world experience. Make no bones about it; even though it says this is an internship, this is a consultant job ...because of this experience I have been able to secure a full time position with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in Philadelphia as a GIS Analyst.”

Rick Murphy  
SCA Alumnus 2005

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